

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 1, 2010**

7:00 Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Payette City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Williams in the City Council Chambers of Payette City Hall, 700 Center Avenue.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Williams, Mark Heleker, Katherine Dodson, Ivan Mussell, Georgia Hanigan, Les Cochran

Members Absent: Lee Nelson

Staff Present: Russ Warden, Fire Chief; Mary Cordova, City Coordinator/Clerk; Tiffany Howell, Utility Clerk; Mark Clark, Police Chief; Jamie Couch, Street Supervisor; Randy Schwartz, Wastewater Supervisor; Brandi Stromberg, Independent Enterprise; Dave Platt, Police Captain

PLEDGE

Jamie Couch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Heleker moved and Hanigan seconded a motion to approve the minutes of 01/19/2010 as written.

After a unanimous voice vote by the Council, the motion CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mussell and seconded by Hangian to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$169,840.56

At the roll call:

Ayes: Heleker, Mussell, Hanigan, Dodson, Cochran

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

SPECIAL ORDERS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PLANNING & ZONING

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Payette School District – Presentation by Superintendent Pauline King

Pauline King School Superintendent stated that they have to cut \$600,000 from the budget this year. An average month during the school year we pay 263 people that breaks down to 103 certified staff, 83 are classified staff, 80 or more paid on a part time basis. In 2001 year had a little over 2,000 students, and now we find ourselves at 1,701 students. We had an increase last year of over 30 students.

Mark Heleker, Payette High School Principal stated that the high school has a new computer lab, so we technically have 3 labs now. We also have a new weight room that the public helped us with. Our booster group really helped with that as well as the district office. We encourage people to come down. Our second green house is almost ready to go. This will enable our agricultural department do some things that they have wanted to do, but have now had time. We have had the best year for sports in a long time. Our boys soccer team won the districts and were ranked 2nd in State, and our girl's soccer team won state. Our football team won 2 state playoff games. Our wrestling team is doing great and we are sending them all around the State competing. The high school made its AYP this year and I think our staff is outstanding. I think we have a harder time at the high school meeting the AYP because we have so many classifications of students. We are excited about distance learning. This means that our students can sit in a class room and learn Chinese by watching it. This is just a very exciting feature we have and are very excited to take advantage of it. Our graduation rate is normally at a 99% at its lowest we were at a 97%.

Rick Hale, McCain Middle School Principal stated that he has just become the principal, but has been teaching at Payette for over 11 years. I have my most experienced teachers in positions of leadership. We did not make AYP and have renewed our goals on making that happen this year. We have made a class that is dedicated to students who need help in that area. We have after school programs and we have before school programs.

Mary Beth Bennett, Westside Elementary Principal stated that this is her 7th year as principal and loves her staff. She stated that last year was first year that her school made the AYP list. She stated that they have 4 fourth grade and 4 fifth grade class rooms. Our goal is that when they leave our school that they are proficient in math and reading. In our cafeteria we have a fruit bar and they also get a fruit or vegetable snack during the day. Some of these are exotic fruits, so things that they normally wouldn't have. We have a before and after school program as well as our updated computer lab that the students can take advantage of. After school we have homework support for an hour and provide them with a snack as well.

Kipp McKenzie, Payette Primary Principal stated that he has loved the area since he moved here. I have great people working for me and each person is putting in an extra 10 hours a week of their own time at the school. We have been able to work on our core subjects. When the students come in we test them on their subjects less than 50% of kids are coming in under the average requirements for kindergarten. Not only working on core subjects, but we have kids going in different directions all day. We have some of our kindergarten students that are getting 150 minutes reading time. We have kids that are coming in above requirements level. We have 35% of students that exceed the national average for kindergarten students.

Wendy Fitch Special Education Director is directly tied to the high school. We have about 65 kids that go to the alternative center and one of the things that we like to tell people is that it is open to a variety of kids. Kids come from all over the valley to come and get their education in a different way a student can come there for all 4 years and get a diploma. We have some kids that like to work during the day and do the schooling at night, so they come to the school from 2:30pm to 8:30pm. We have a fabulous staff that works there and there are teachers that work all day and then go to the alternative school to teach at night. I am also the special education director and right now we have 75 special students.

B. Resolution 10-03, A Resolution to the Secretary of the Air Force, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and to the Congressional Delegation Representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States, in Support of the Selection of Idaho by the Air Force for its F-35 Missions.

Heleker moved and Mussell seconded a motion approve the Resolution 10-03.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Heleker, Mussell, Hanigan, Dodson, Cochran

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

C. Approval of Interagency Agreement between the City of Payette and Payette Rural Fire Department for the Purpose of Construction of a new Fire Station.

Mayor Williams asked Attorney Osborn if on page 2 we are ok for there not being a termination date. Attorney Osborn stated that he does not have any heartburn over it.

Heleker moved and Hanigan seconded a motion approve the Interagency Agreement between the City of Payette and the Payette Rural Fire Department for the purpose of Construction of the new Fire Station.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Heleker, Mussell, Hanigan, Dodson, Cochran

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Public Works Committee Report

Randy Schwartz gave an overview of what happened at the public works committee meeting.

Mr. Schwartz stated that Rob gave a brief overview of what he and his department do and what they take care of. He also stated that they would like to go through the town and replace all the 2" meters and replace the 6" meter at Seneca. Rob stated that he thinks of meters as cash registers, if your cash register is starting to malfunction it is time to get a new one. The

meters that are currently in there are getting old and he would like to update them to more efficient meters that would keep better track of the water that flows through them, essentially increasing revenue for the City.

Randy stated that Jaime said that his big projects for this year are:

- Cleaning out all the storm drains in town;
- Chip Sealing;
- Leveling out the road in front of the new park on 9th and 7th, as well as finish up sidewalks, curb, and gutter.

Mr. Schwartz gave a description of what he and the Wastewater Treatment Plant crew do for the City. He also gave an update on the new clarifier that is being constructed. Mr. Schwartz stated that his big projects for this year are getting the new clarifier finished and up and running, as well as getting the other clarifier sand blasted and painted.

B. Public Safety Committee Report

Chief Clark stated that he talked about the DUI emphasis that went through the last two weeks in December. We talked about our 700 MGH in the police cars and this is something that is coming our way and is something that Ada County and Canyon County currently use. We had a meeting with the High Desert Task Force and we discussed how we are going to dedicate our time. We are going to keep Mr. Natal as the drug force contact for another 2 years. We lost one of our reserve officers Anson Davis to the Weiser Police Department. We went over some statistics. On December 22nd we went to our first Rose Advocate meeting. We are putting together a team to combat domestic violence and we are having our first meeting February 17th. I attended the Chiefs Meeting last weekend and that was a very informative meeting and I learned a lot. The Boise Police Chief heard about our Rose Advocate meeting and donates a Vardis System because they went to the 700 megahertz system. It is a device that we can program the house number and a way our officers can be on the scene immediately. The last thing we discussed with them was the patrol fleet and went over the reason why I think we needed some more cars and why.

Chief Warden stated that they discussed the December fire runs and the loss they incurred. They also talked about the man hours they spent on fire education and the number of people we met with. We also hired our new station manager Greg Speulda. We talked about some drills that we are doing. We talked about the training we get from Oregon. They built a skid truck that they take to the Ontario Airport and show everyone how to use the truck. The Ice Rescue class has been cancelled due to no ice. Our annual awards banquet is coming up on February 27th. The Stuart Roads class is coming up and sets up a mock town with different scenarios and it is very intense 3 day training. I have been talking back and forth with the Payette County Paramedics and Treasure Valley Paramedics because it is getting to where we need to have this over our way. I don't look forward to going forward with the EMS until the new fire station is built.

Councilor Hanigan explained what the AIC conference was and what happened at the conference. Also, at the luncheon they had a guided tour of the capitol and all the renovations that have been done. Councilor Hanigan stated that it was a very informative conference.

Clerk Cordova stated that there was grave concern of what is going on with the school districts in Idaho. I also want to let everyone know about Senate Bill 1226 which is

establishing a Highway District like Ada County has. So basically this means that all the City property we have at the shop will go towards the district.

MAYORS COMMENTS

- At my first meeting I asked that the spending be curtailed until we had a chance to look at the revenues and we have looked at everyone and the city is healthy and so capital expenditures can return but be frugal.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None Heard.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Dodson to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM.

The motion CARRIED.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Jeff Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Cordova, City Clerk